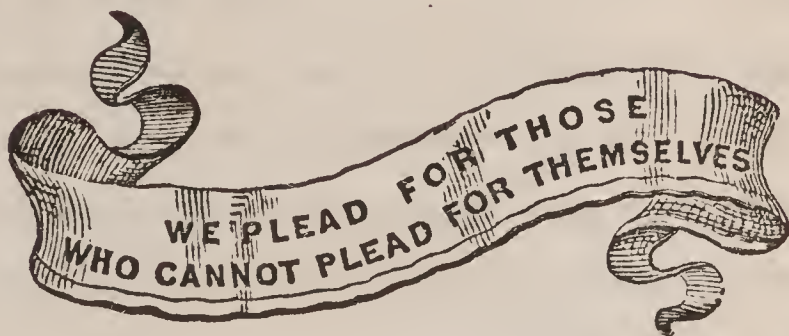


THE  
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INSTITUTED OCTOBER 27, 1847.



ESTABLISHMENT:  
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1862.

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## REPORT—1862.

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IN presenting the usual Report of the proceedings of the past year to the supporters of the Asylum for Idiots, the Board of Management have in the first place, on the present occasion, to record the recent and lamented death of the Rev. ANDREW REED, D.D., the founder of this great Charity. Fourteen years have passed away since its institution, and during all those years his interest in its progress never lessened, his services in its cause were unceasing, and his personal generosity to it unfailing. His devotion to the cause of the helpless and the afflicted, and in an especial manner to the helpless and afflicted Idiot, ceased only with his life, one of the latest acts of which was to bequeath one thousand pounds to its funds. With this Charity the name of ANDREW REED will always be associated, and his memory will ever be held

in remembrance by all who are interested in its objects, and zealous for its permanent prosperity.

Of the extensive benefit produced by the liberality of the supporters of the Institution at Earlswood, every year affords wider proof. Applications from parents in all parts of the kingdom, for its protection of their imbecile and idiotic children, become every year more numerous and more urgent, and the continual efforts of the Board are directed to extending and perfecting the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the numerous children received, and for their progressive improvement. It must further gratify the friends of the Charity to learn that the interest felt in this Institution is extending itself to various other countries of Europe, and seems more and more to attract travellers and visitors, whose intelligence and philanthropy cannot fail to make the favourable impressions they receive from a visit to Earlswood productive of similar attempts for the relief of idiotic and imbecile children, where this peculiar form of wretchedness has been hitherto overlooked.

The present number of pupils at Earlswood is **320**, of whom **227** are males, and **93** females.

The number to be admitted by Election to-



day is Twenty ; and of those who have already been some years in the Asylum, Five are to have the important advantage of being re-elected for life.

Those who have visited Earlswood can best appreciate what is done for its large family of inmates. Their general appearance, health, cheerfulness, and activity, give satisfactory evidence both of the bodily and mental care taken of them. The various resources applied to their instruction in various branches of education, and in occupations adapted to their respective faculties and to their bodily capacity, may be witnessed in the several schools and workshops. The cultivation of their senses, the development of whatever mental faculties they possess, and the kind and watchful system pursued to elevate them as moral beings, afford the best testimony of the zeal and ability of the Officers of the Asylum, under the general direction of Dr. DOWN, the benevolent and accomplished Resident Physician.

To carry all these purposes into effect, and to provide for the care of a very large family, of whom a considerable number require all the hourly attentions of helpless invalids, makes it necessary to have a much larger establishment than what is generally

necessary in other charitable Institutions, or even in Hospitals for the sick, and can only be accomplished by a considerable annual expenditure.

The Board of Management have gratefully to acknowledge the liberal aid accorded by the public to enable them to effect these good objects. In every part of England they have the gratification of finding that in every year additions are made to the list of Subscribers and Donors; in addition to which, during the past year, the funds of the Charity have been benefited by the following bequests:—

ROBERT FOREST, Esq. . . . .	£500
MISS MARTHA NASH . . . . .	£500
THOMAS ALLPORT, Esq. . . . .	£300
PHILIP VAN DE WALL, Esq. . . . .	£300
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In the Annual Report of 1860, there was a statement that 1000 Guineas had been raised in

consequence of the challenge of one gentleman who offered to give 100 guineas if nine others would do the same. Mr. BENNITT, of Ashford House, near Dudley, has generously volunteered to repeat the challenge, most kindly expressing his willingness to be the first of ten gentlemen or ladies to give 100 guineas each during the next twelve months. The Board presume to hope that this challenge will be taken up in the same spirit, and with the same result as the former.

At the recent Anniversary Festival, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who had devoted the preceding day to a minute inspection of the establishment at Earlswood, the attendance was more than usually numerous. The Board are anxious to record not only their grateful sense of his lordship's services on this occasion, but their appreciation of his urbanity, of his clear and comprehensive statement relative to the working of the Institution, and of his earnest appeal in favour of the funds of the Charity—an appeal which was generously responded to.

The festival was, for the first time, honoured by the presence, as guests, of many ladies, whose patronage of the humane design of the Asylum may doubtless be reckoned upon as promising



many beneficial results. In connexion with this subject, the Board may not inappropriately allude to the circumstance of an Association of Ladies having during the past year been formed at Hastings, by whose voluntary exertions various small contributions have been gained for the Charity, and remitted, from time to time, to the Treasurer. These charitable ladies are anxious that their proceedings should be adopted elsewhere, as they find many persons ready to give small sums who are not well able to become annual subscribers of larger. Votes for the amount received in this manner have been placed at the disposal of the Ladies' Association at Hastings.

In addition to many benefits previously conferred on the Charity by the Rev. EDWIN SIDNEY, A.M., the esteemed Rector of Cornard Parva, the Board have to acknowledge that of a *second* visit paid to Earlswood, in 1861, an account of which is deserving of perusal by all who feel an interest in the improvement of the Idiotic and the Imbecile.\* At Mr. Sidney's suggestion, also, meetings were held in the month of November at York, Halifax, and ~~Bradford~~, which were presided over by local

\* This, with other Pamphlets, may be obtained gratuitously at the Office.



and influential friends of the Asylum for Idiots ; the immediate results being a considerable addition to the funds of the Charity, and an increase in the number of annual subscribers. The meetings were attended and addressed by Mr. Sidney, who, as also Mr. Nicholas, the Secretary, everywhere met with a cordial reception.

Incidental to the Yorkshire meetings it deserves to be mentioned that, in consequence of a familiar lecture given by Mr. NICHOLAS, at the Shibden school-room, to an audience consisting of the miners of the Listerwick colliery and others near Halifax, a meeting was held by his auditors, at which it was determined by these kind-hearted people to raise the sum of ten guineas among themselves, by instalments, to be presented to the Asylum for Idiots as a Life Donation from the Shibden-hall Colliers.

In conclusion, the Board have this year to advert to the most painful subject of the irremediable loss sustained by the death of the Royal Patron of the Charity, the late PRINCE CONSORT, the patron of every charitable and useful undertaking. His especial kindness in relation to this Institution, which he twice visited, the foundation-stone of which he graciously consented to lay in 1853, and at the opening of which he presided in 1855, will be remembered at Earls-

wood for many centuries to come, entwined with the memory of one of the purest and most enlightened of the princes who have ever laboured to benefit and advance mankind.

The object of this Institution so strongly recommends it to the consideration of every humane and reflecting person, and is so accordant with the spirit of a Christian people, as still, it is humbly hoped and believed, to ensure for it, amidst all the changes and bereavements belonging to this mortal life, that enduring prosperity which every good man must desire that it should be blest with. The Board of Management continue animated by the feeling that, in labouring to secure this prosperity, the most appropriate honour in their power will be done to the memory of ANDREW REED, who, when dying, bequeathed this and other charitable Institutions to his country, "with an earnest prayer that they might be preserved in efficient operation, and might remain, age after age, memorials of that Divine Charity which exalteth and glorifieth a people."

# REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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It has usually been the duty of your Superintendent, on making his Annual Report, to record the increased number of his charge, and thus to indicate the *growth* of the Institution. On the present occasion, the number of inmates exceeds that of last year by six only ; 320 patients, 227 of the male, and 93 of the female sex, being at this time resident at Earlswood. But while the year which has passed has not been characterized by *growth*, it will always stand conspicuous in the history of the charity as a year of *development*.

No year has witnessed the introduction of greater improvements in the working of the Asylum, or a larger adaptation of its internal resources, to the great purposes of its existence. Nor has your Superintendent ever been aided by a more devoted staff of officers and attendants, in the attempt to realize his ideal.



The health of the inmates generally has been equal to that of any former period, and has tended to confirm the favourable opinion entertained of the sanitary arrangements of the building.

The intellectual progress of the patients has been very satisfactory. Increased experience has suggested fresh expedients for eliciting observation, and training to habits of order and usefulness. Resort has been more extensively had to the use of objects in imparting instruction, and for this purpose cabinets have been fitted up with specimens of various things in common use, by means of which the habit of observation is strengthened, and remarks are drawn out on their form, colour, taste, smell, size, weight, and use. These lessons are made very attractive, and have been productive of favourable results.

Having felt the desirability of our inmates being familiar with the value and use of money, special means have been instituted to secure this end. The pupils are taught to play at shop-keeping, some acting as customers, and others as vendors. The pretended shop is furnished with rice, nuts, marbles, &c., and the customer being provided with coins of different value, makes his purchases, and receives his change. Each transaction is framed so as to teach the



value of money as represented by minor coins, the relative value of articles in daily use, a knowledge of weights and measures, and the practical application of number.

Great pains have been taken to promote improvement in speech. In addition to previously adopted plans, a cabinet of objects has been furnished, the utterance of the names of which includes all the sounds of the English language.

The exercises of drill have been rendered more varied, more lively, and arranged so as to induce ease and rapidity of movement, ready obedience to the word of command, and attention to time and tune.

Classes have been formed for teaching the process of dressing, and by repeated and well-directed efforts for initiating the pupils into the mysteries of the button-hole, and the complications of the tie.

The conduct of the pupils at the morning and evening prayers, and at the Sunday religious exercises, has been characterized by the utmost devotional decorum.

The industrial department has made very great progress; larger numbers are employed than formerly, and the extended training has been attended by the best results. Many of

the girls, who have been taught needlework in the school, are now employed in the workrooms, and several assist in household work. Three patients have been taught to use the sewing machine.

The workshops for the boys are still of immense value, and suggest the re-enforcement of the remark in the last Report, that "The present workshops are filled, and more pupils are capable of receiving instruction were there room for their operations." Three boys, who have left during the past year, have been so improved by their residence at Earlswood, and have become such expert workpeople, as to be capable of self-support as mechanics beyond the walls of the Asylum.

As part of the industrial training, the occupations in the garden and farm necessarily claim remark. The garden offers very varied employment, adapted to different intellectual grades, and affords a sphere of occupation for many whose health would be incompatible with in-door work.

Your Superintendent has, on previous occasions, referred to the farm as a necessary adjunct, offering, as it does, healthful employment, recreation, and country walks, without intruding the inmates on the notice of the neighbourhood.

The stock of cows has been largely increased, a suitable building raised for their habitation, and a dairy established in addition thereto. Several of the patients have been taught to milk, and a larger number are employed in preparing the fodder, and attending to the cleanliness of the stock. It is confidently believed that the retention of the farm, even on financial grounds, can no longer be a subject for debate.

The want of increased accommodation for laundry operations was mentioned in the last Report. This has been partially met by the erection of a commodious building for a wash-house, which is being furnished with the most approved arrangements for the cleansing part of the work. It is hoped that means will be provided for speedily completing the projected additions, which will not only facilitate the passage through the laundry of the 6000 pieces per week required by the establishment, but effect a saving of at least £120 per annum in this department alone.

Order and system in the working of a large Asylum are of the first importance, and need that the machinery should be on a commensurate scale. With this end in view, a great many improvements have been effected, which will add materially to the well working of the In-



stitution. Among others, the scullery has been enlarged and remodelled, improved arrangements have been introduced for distributing fuel to the various departments, the wardrobes have been rendered more commodious, a store-room has been fitted up for drapery stock, and another for provisions, the appliances of which assist materially in carrying out the dietary regulations of the establishment.

Efforts have been put forth to make the interior of the building minister more largely to the instruction and gratification of its inhabitants. During the winter season, a great deal of time must necessarily be spent within doors. Feeble circulation and inactive habits are incompatible with out-door winter life. Our patients turn from the external beauty with which nature has so prodigally enriched us, and from the gaiety of summer sports, to a life which would be monotonous but for the devices to enliven it, which are ever being contrived. Corridors, however spacious, rooms, however lofty and clean, appeal but ineffectually to the feeble mind. Bare walls and vacant galleries are opportunities lost for conveying knowledge and awakening emotions of pleasure. Bearing this in view, the corridors have been partially decorated with singing-birds in ornamental cages ;



glass globes, containing gold fish, have been suspended, and many of the windows enlivened by baskets of flowers and ferns. Through the liberality of some of our subscribers, and several leading printsellers, we have been enabled to ornament the walls of a large number of rooms and some portion of the corridors with engravings, (the framing of which has furnished work for our carpenter's shop,) and to fill scrap-books with smaller prints for quiet recreation. Much more, however, remains to be done; and it is felt that it is only necessary to be known how pictures and engravings of any kind are to us "Art Treasures," to secure further contributions in this direction, to the happiness and joy of our inmates. Several presents of toys have also been received, which have brightened many a cloudy day.

The pleasure-grounds have not escaped attention. The shrubs have been increased in number, trees have been planted for the purpose of shade, and garden seats have been made and painted by our carpenter staff.

A large share of attention has been given to providing amusement for the inmates. During the summer months, several fêtes were held, at which games of agility were practised, and processions of the patients, rendered gay by flags and

banners, performed evolutions to the sound of merry music. Cricket has been, as heretofore, a favourite sport. The brass band, composed principally of officers and attendants, but including a few patients, has played once a week on the terrace. A savings bank, established for the presents and pocket money of the patients, has enabled several of them to visit the Crystal Palace, when any special attraction has been offered. During the winter, one evening a week has been devoted to amusement; shadow pantomime, the galanti show, Punch and Judy, the magic lantern, the oxy-calcium microscope, and the band of stringed instruments, have each taken their place in succession. Once a month, a concert of vocal and instrumental music has been held, the performers being solely composed of the officers and attendants of Earlswood. These concerts have been attended by many of the leading families of the neighbourhood, who have expressed the utmost satisfaction at witnessing the delight experienced by the patients at these periodical gatherings. The concerts have been rendered more effective by the generous gifts of a grand pianoforte, and other instruments.

Your Superintendent has much pleasure in testifying to the zeal and hearty good-will with which the officers and attendants have united in

carrying out his wishes, and his appreciation of the way in which they have sacrificed their leisure time in the cultivation of their special talents, for the gratification of an assembly which, more than any other, is destitute of resources in itself, and is dependent on external influences to enable it to realise the full amount of enjoyment of which it is susceptible.

J. LANGDON H. DOWN, M.D. LOND.

*Resident Physician and Superintendent.*

*April, 24, 1862.*

## APPENDIX.

Numbers of the Patients employed in Industrial Occupations:—

MALES.			
Carpenters .....	13	Household Work .....	8
Shoemakers .....	12	Laundry .....	6
Mat Weavers, & Helpers			—
in Mat Shops .....	82		159
Basket Makers.....	7	FEMALES.	
Tailors .....	10	Household Work .....	24
Farm and Garden ....	20	Needlework .....	46
Bricklayer.....	1		—
		Total.....	229
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N.B.—Mats, Matting, Hearth Rugs, and Baskets, the work of the Pupils, on Sale, at reasonable prices. These articles will also be made to order.

# *Receipts and Expenditure, from Dec. 31st, 1860, to Dec. 31st, 1861.*

1861.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	To Balance at Bankers .....	1,375	13	4
"	" Annual Subscriptions .....	4,144	19	8
"	" Life Subscriptions .....	3,239	11	5
"	" Donations .....	1,942	6	1
"	" Payments for Pupils .....	6,894	16	3
"	" Legacies .....	2,550	10	0
"	" Farm Produce .....	686	19	10
"	" Kitchen Garden Produce .....	132	16	3
"	" Rent of Cottages .....	41	7	9
"	" Stock Sold out .....	40	7	6
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1861.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	By Housekeeping Expenses for Board, Clothing, Education, &c. ....	6,454	10	5
	Salaries of Officers, Earlwood and Office, Commission, and all Office Expenses..	1,588	13	0
	Wages—Attendants, Masters of Trades, and Servants .....	1,181	5	5
	Washing .....	575	19	11
	Furniture .....	1,829	14	5
	Repairs of Building, Colouring, &c. ....	385	3	0
	Printing, List of Subscribers, Reports, Proxies, &c. ....	291	14	8
	Stationery, Books, &c., for Schools .....	121	11	2
	Advertisements .....	226	17	8
	Postages of Proxies, Letters, &c. ....	211	0	11
	Carriage of Goods, Travelling Expenses, &c.	173	19	3
	Rates and Taxes .....	154	0	6
	Annual Dinner, Elections, and Miscel- laneous Expenditure .....	158	3	9
	Law Charges .....	39	13	10
	Gas .....	223	0	0
	"The Well" (Paid on Account) .....	614	19	0
	Estate, Farm, and Kitchen Garden .....	1,036	7	9
	Additional Buildings .....	1,538	13	7
	Loans Repaid .....	2,000	0	0
	Interest on Loans .....	355	1	2
	Workshops .. 195 5 9			
	Less Work Sold .....	154	5	6
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	Rent of Office .....	41	0	3
	Estate Repairs, Mending Roads, Paths, &c.	75	0	0
	Public Meetings, Yorkshire .....	211	10	10
	Balance in hand, Treasurer 1,381 16 8			
	Petty Cash 64 13 8			
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		1,446	10	4
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		£21,049	8	1

Examined and compared with the Books and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.

JAMES MANN,  
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